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Dear Families

An Introduction to Design Technology – Welcome to Year 10

I am writing to you today to introduce myself as Georgina Maltby, Curriculum Lead Teacher for Design Technology. Your child has now begun their two-year journey towards their GCSE, and I am excited to guide them through this process over the upcoming academic year.

Over the course of Key Stage 4, your child will explore a wide range of topics covering the design world. We will be following the AQA exam board specification.

This academic year in Year 10 is all about building a strong foundational knowledge in core materials—such as woods, metals, and plastics—and learning the application of these materials. We will then transition into a series of practical "design and make" tasks to apply and refine this knowledge.

In the summer term of Year 10, your child will begin their independent "design and make" project. This is their Non-Examined Assessment (NEA), which accounts for 50% of their final GCSE grade. They will complete this in class with my regular feedback and structured support.

Please note that for their final practical build, there will be an expectation for students to supply some of their own materials. Full details and guidance regarding materials will be communicated with you during the summer term.

I look forward to working with your child and seeing all that they create. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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